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Meeting Minutes 04/05/2005

Approved

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON
 MINUTES
 REGULAR MEETING
 PERMANENT TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE
 TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005**

PRESENT: John Cole, Chairman Mark Miano
 William Shea, Vice Chairman Brian Sullivan
 Robert Juusola

ABSENT: Thomas Caccavaro
 Kathleen Donovan
 Suzanne Owayda
 Charles Stretton

PARTICIPANTS: Stefan Chaires, DRA
 Kevin Nigro, PMA
 John Chicarello, Dallin Principal
 Allen Reedy – Elizabeth Jones – Jeff Maxtutis – Dallin Safety Committee

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

DALLIN SCHOOL SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Mr. Chicarello introduced members of the Dallin Safety Committee. The Safety Committee has been working to identify certain safety issues in the immediate and in the surrounding school vicinity.
 - The lack of sidewalks and crosswalks in the area and the increase in traffic volume are among the concerns cited by the committee. They are seeking recommendations and advice from the PTBC and from other groups in town as they develop proposed safety procedures, and it is their objective to implement those changes before the opening of the new facility. It was noted by Ms. Jones that she and Mr. Maxtutis, members also of the Transportation Advisory Committee, would like to make this a pilot project for getting involved with school building projects.
 - Safety Committee goals were distributed to the committee (Primary Goals: Pedestrian Safety & Community Access – Sidewalk & Roadway Deficiencies & ADA Compliance – Reduce Speed & Improve Traffic Management) with recommendations listed for each of the primary goals. These recommendations incorporate suggestions from long-term members of the Dallin Safe Routes to School Committee, the Dallin PTO, and the Dallin List.
 - During discussion, Mr. Sullivan noted that the Director of Public Works had been asked to look at the area to provide an estimate to install sidewalks across from the school on Florence Avenue.
 - Mr. Chaires will ask the landscape architect to look at the possibility of moving the handicapped curb cut further west on the plan (marked P5).
- On a **MOTION** by Mr. Juusola and seconded by Mr. Shea, it was **VOTED** to **support the Dallin community safety and access project. The PTBC agrees to coordinate the Dallin School construction project with the recommendations of the Dallin Safety Committee providing information regarding the proposed changes are brought to the PTBC in a timely manner.** VOTE: Unanimous
- The Chairman asked that the Safety Committee keep the PTBC up to date with the results of their meetings with other town committees.

DALLIN SCHOOL UPDATE

- The Chairman commented on Mr. Kevin Nigro's outstanding performance as being one of the reasons for the committee's unwillingness to release him as Project Manager for the Dallin construction.
- According to Mr. Nigro, things are going well. He suggested that it might be a good idea to get together as a committee and plan to meet out at the site. Mr. Nigro reported on construction progress and indicated that there was a substantial amount of work going on right now that will

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present some coordination problems. It was also noted that Mr. Derek Lyons is on site when Mr. Nigro is not there.

- Schedule - A recovered schedule is anticipated to be received at tomorrow's site meeting. The contractor is making up time. Mr. Nigro thinks he is three weeks behind schedule. Mr. Shea asked that Mr. Nigro bring the contractor's first schedule to the next PTBC meeting.
- Unsuitable Soils C.O. - There is a minor change order for unsuitable soils (not more than \$1,000).
- Crawl Space - The contractor has responded with regard to the crawl space issue, and the architect has answered him. If Castagna attends the next meeting, the issue will be discussed.
- Building Inspector - Mr. Nigro would like to meet with the Building Inspector and walk through the construction site with him to make sure that he is comfortable and that he is getting everything he needs in terms of reports. In addition, he would like to meet with him on a weekly basis.
- Neighbor Complaint - Mr. Nigro received a complaint on March 25th from a neighbor at 11 George Street. Mr. Dinardo complained about a back hoe parked in the street which was found to belong to Keyspan. Keyspan was starting trench work for a new gas main. Mr. Dinardo also mentioned that the street needed to be swept. That issue will be brought up at the meeting tomorrow. In addition, Mr. Dinardo also asked about paving and private way paving.

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Shea and seconded by Mr. Miano, it was **VOTED to approve Change Order Request #21 in the amount of \$200.48 (cabinet in teacher's room) to be incorporated into Change Order No. 3.** ROLL CALL VOTE:
Unanimous

PEIRCE SCHOOL UPDATE

- Ramp - According to Mr. Chaires, a grievance hearing on the denied request for a variance on the handicapped ramp has been scheduled for May 23rd at 3:00 p.m. in Boston. It is important to have the support of the local Disability Commission and the Building Inspector.
- Sidewalk Repair - Mr. Chaires will call the contractor (Lariviere) to schedule sidewalk repair for the week of April 18th.
- DCAM Evaluation - Mr. Juusola has reviewed the form as prepared by the architect who will forward it to the state.

OTHER BUSINESS

- There was a brief discussion of the Ottoson audit process.
- Hardy Noise Remediation - Mr. Cole reviewed the town's responses to the interrogatories from the mechanical contractor on the Hardy job that were prepared by Mr. Peloquin. The next step in the litigation process was not clear at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Carroll